GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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IRRIGATION SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the irrigation schemes of West Bengal which have received foreign assistance, during the last two years, scheme-wise;

(b) the extent of work undertaken during the said period;

(c) the irrigation proposals of West Bengal lying pending with the Union Government alongwith reasons for their pendency; and

(d) by when these proposals are likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) No irrigation scheme of West Bengal has received foreign assistance during the last two years.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d) The proposal on 'Modernisation of Kangsabti Reservoir Project' was cleared by Technical Advisory Committee on 27.1.1988 subject to environmental clearance. Since then, the scope of the said Project has been changed by the State Government twice and the observations of Central Water Commission on the last modified proposal were forwarded to the Government of West Bengal for compliance during 1998. The Government of West Bengal has not fully complied with the observations of Central Water Commission. The preliminary project report on Dwarakeswar Gandheswari Reservoir was received in Central Water Commission in January, 2004 for which 'in- principle' consent of Central Water Commission for preparation of detailed Project Report has been conveyed to the State Government in March, 2004. Hydrological aspects of Siddheswari Noon Beel Reservoir Project has been examined in Central Water Commission and the observations have been sent to the State Government for compliance. The State Government has not prepared the Detailed Project Report of the Project. The Government of West Bengal has also submitted a Concept Note on 'Minor Irrigation Development Project' for World Bank assistance on 8th June, 2004. The observations of the Ministry of Water Resources have been conveyed to the State Government on 28.6.2004.